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Most Reverend D Young SVD
 Archbishop of Mt Hagen
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Dear Archbishop Douglas,

A priest of the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle, Fr Denis McAlinden, spent some time in your Diocese between 1973 and 1976. My understanding is that he was located at the Catholic Mission, Megenapol, WHD via Kol, PMB PO Mt Hagan.

I have discovered that he was a sexual predator preying on young girls mainly. There are numerous people coming forward here claiming to have been abused by him.

Fr McAlinden is now dead.

I write to alert you to what is happening with revelations in Australia and New Zealand (where he also ministered). There is every chance that he may have offended in your Diocese also.

If I can be of further assistance please advise.

With best wishes,

I remain,

Yours sincerely

Most Reverend Michael Malone
Bishop of Maitland-Newcastle

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File: DCPUMcAlinden, Fr D – PNG, ArchDio of Port Moresby – advise spent time in PNG (Jul 09)